THE MEMORY

Of That

Faithful Man of God,

Thomas Stordy,

Late of *Cumberland*, Deceased,

Revived by the TESTIMONIES of several Faithful Friends given concerning him, his Sincere Life and Blessed End.

And I heard a Voice from Heaven, saying unto me, Write, blessed are the Dead which dye in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their Labours, and their Works do follow them.

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The Teſtimony of *Robert Huntington* of *Bowſteadhill*, concerning *Thomas Stordy* of *Moorehouſe*, late deceaſed.

AS for *Thomas Stordy*, I knew him when he was a Youth, and that he was deſcended of an honeſt Parentage, being a Family of good Deportment in that place where he lived, who when he was about the Age of thirty Years, he began to abſtain from many groſs Evils, and the Vanities of the World, that the greater part of People take their pleaſure in; and the Lord begat deſires in him to ſeek after the Knowledge of Jeſus Chriſt, and to do the thing that might pleaſe him; and in this eſtate he continued ſeveral Years: And then he joyned himſelf with an *Independent* People, who did aſſemble themſelves at his Houſe, or elſewhere thereabouts, and was accounted as one that was the moſt eminent in that their Meeting for Exhortations, and other *Chriſtian* Exerciſes, as they did account; and in this condition he continued a good ſpace, having ſtill a true and unfeigned deſire after the Lord, and the knowledge of his Way, which gives Peace and Reſt to all thoſe that are weary and heavy laden, and ſuch come to find Refreſhment, Eaſe and Reſt to their weary Souls, although their Labour and Travail may be long, and their Sufferings and hard Uſages many, yet the Recompence of Reward unto which the ſaid *Thomas* had reſpect, made him freely willing to deny himſelf, his former Profeſſion of Religion and Self-intereſt, which he had profeſſed in time by paſt, and to joyn himſelf with the People in ſcorn called *Quakers*, who kept a Meeting near that place where he lived: And he was a very upright, ſincere, honeſt hearted man to the Lord, of a good Carriage & Behaviour towards his Neighbours: he was a man much inclined to Sobriety, Temperance, Mercy, and Hoſpitality; for he was always

ready, according to his ability, freely to entertain the Lords Servants and Miniſters, who brought the Glad-tidings of the Goſpel of Peace into his Houſe: He alſo was a help to the Poor and Needy, and the Cauſe of the Widow and Fatherleſs came before him, and yet notwithſtanding the then Powers, who bore Authority in this Nation, did evilly intreat him with hard uſage and Impriſonment, only for his Obedience to the Command of Jeſus Chriſt, who ſaith, *Swear not at all*, Matth. 5. 34. I being then his fellow-Priſoner, with ſeventeen more of our Meeting, was committed for the like, and kept above ſix weeks Priſoners, and fined twenty Shillings a man, and then ſet out at liberty; but within a few days after, the ſame *Thomas Stordy* being a Freeholder, and did attend the Aſſize at the City of *Carliſle*, being willing to do Service for his God, the King and Country, was by the inſtigation of ſome wicked and envious Perſons then in Authority, moſt Illegally apprehended by the Goaler, (the ſaid *Thomas* being come into his Houſe to viſit his Friends in Priſon) who was ordered to carry *Thomas Stordy* before Judge *Turner*, that did preſently tender him the Oath of Allegiance. So in obedience to the Command of Chriſt, denyed to Swear; for which the ſaid Judge paſſed the *Sentence of Premunire* upon him, and the Sheriff cauſed his Bailiffs to enter upon his Houſe, and carried away his Corn, Pewter, Braſs, with other Neceſſaries, and kept him Priſoner the ſpace of Eleven Years, about which time the King's pleaſure was to grant his Letters-Pattent to ſet him and all the reſt that were Premunired, free, and as clearly acquitted as though they had never been under that Sentence; and this was the Lords doing, and was marvellous in the Eyes of many, who alone can turn the Hearts of Kings and Rulers as it pleaſeth him, and none is able to reſiſt him, or withſtand his powerful Arm, when it is ſtretched out; to him be the Glory, Honour and Renown, with hearty Thanksgiving, for he alone is worthy, both now and for evermore.

And this I have further to teſtifie, and ſay for and on the behalf of my dear Friend *Thomas Stordy*, who did ſuffer with patience

patience all the hard Usages, and was never known to repine, although he had Wife and Children that was dear unto him: for the Glory of God, and the discharge of his Duty to him, was the greatest Object of his Eye, as was further manifest by him, in that he had an Estate of *Tythe*-Corn, Hay, Wool, and Lamb, to the value of *ten Pound* by Year, which did descend unto him from his Ancestors as a Right of Inheritance; and the said *Thomas* received those Tythes for many Years together, till he came to see and behold, according to the Scriptures of Truth, that Christ was manifest in the Flesh to put an end to the Types, Figures, and Shadows under the Law, and that he hath set up an everlasting Priesthood, wherein he gave no Commandment for the Payment of Tythes, according to the Scriptures; and for these Reasons and Causes, and the Good-will he did bear toward men, and for Conscience sake, in Obedience to the Lord and his Requirings, he did freely give and grant a Release and Discharge, under his Hand and Seal, bearing date the first day of *June*, *Anno Dom.* 1682. whereby he binds himself and his Heirs forever, never to trouble or molest the Persons that he had formerly taken *Tythe* from, that they and their Heirs forever might possess and enjoy the Blessing of God upon their Labours for the time to come: A Copy of the foresaid Release, as also a lively Testimony given by our dear Friend *Thomas Stordy*, against that great Oppression of *Tythes*, is hereunto annexed.

And yet notwithstanding the Good Life and Godly Conversation of the said *Thomas Stordy*, he was again cast into Prison, with some other Friends, by a *Quitam Writ*, for *Twenty Pound* a Month for not coming to hear *Divine Service*, so called; wherein he continued several Years in patience a Faithful Sufferer for the Lord and his honourable Truth in the City of *Carlile*, until it was the good Will and Pleasure of his God, who has all Power in his Hand, to visit him with Sickness, so in that his Body grew weaker and weaker; yet his Love to God, his Truth, and Friends, did not alter nor decay, but remained steadfast in the Work and Service of the Lord till his Death, being on the twenty second of the tenth

tenth Month, in the Year 1684. And was in the Cuſtody of the Keeper of the Common-Goal in *Carlile*, as the Records of Friends in this County may and doth more at large appear: who although he be taken away from the Evil to come, yet it is my belief he hath a ſhare with the reſt of the Lords Worthies in that Inheritance that will never fade away; and as he was a Juſt Man, and Upright in his Age and Generation, ſo will his Memorial be a Bleſſing to the Ages that are yet to come. And though it be the good Will and Pleaſure of the Lord to remove many of his dear and choſen Servants, who have born many Burthens in the breaking forth of Gods heavenly and bleſſed Day, which hath ſprung from on high in the Hearts of many, to their endleſs Joy and great Salvation, although it be to the ſadening of the Souls of thoſe that are ſenſible of the want of *Thomas Stordy*, with many other of the Lords dear and faithful Servants, who were as Pillars in the Church and Houſe of our God; the loſs of ſuch do many times tender my Heart before the Lord, when I am in my ſecret Retirements with him: and yet on the other hand, my Heart is made glad, and my Soul doth truly give Praiſe to the worthy Name of our God, that as it is the good pleaſure of his Will to take to himſelf the Souls of many of his dear and choſen Servants to Reſt, and be at Peace with him, out of the reach of all their Enemies, who fought their downfal and ruin; yet this is matter of great Joy and Soul-ſatisfaction to me and many more of the Lords Servants, that the God and Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt is raiſing up many of the Younger, whom he is furniſhing with his Grace and Gifts of his holy and bleſſed Spirit, to publiſh and declare his worthy Acts and great Salvation that he is working and bringing to paſs in this the Day of his mighty Power; to him be the Glory, Honour, Thanksgiving, Praiſe and Eternal Renown, ſaith my Soul, for he alone is worthy, both now and Evermore; Amen.

Robert Huntington.

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The Teſtimony of *Thomas Stordy*, written the 25th of the 8th Month, 1677. concerning Tythes, is,

THat I neither this Sixteen Years, and upwards, Paid any, nor could Receive thoſe that became due to me, as being an Impropriator from my Father and Grandfather, which was both Corn and Hay, amounting many Years to the value of *Ten Pounds* and upwards: but I bear my Teſtimony for the Lord againſt them, being aſſured from that pure meaſure of God manifeſted in my Conſcience, that it is a grand Oppreſſion, and properly Due to the Owners thereof to whom I gave them, being all done away in Chriſt, who made me willing in the Day of his Power to deny them, and I believe through his Grace, (of which in my meaſure am made pertaker of) ever ſhall.

A Copy of a Releaſe of *Tythes*, given by *Thomas Stordy* to the Right Owners, in form following.

WHereas I *Thomas Stordy*, of the *Stone-Houſe* in *Moore-houſe*, in the Pariſh of *Brough*, in the County of *Cumberland*, Yeoman, having been ſeized and poſſeſſed of ſeveral parcels of Tythe-Hay, ariſing and growing in the ſaid Pariſh of *Brough*, which ſaid Tythes did deſcend and come unto me the ſaid *Thomas Stordy*, from my Anceſtors.

And foraſmuch as I the ſaid *Thomas Stordy*, do believe, that according to the Scriptures of Truth, that the Prieſthood is changed, which took Tythes under the Law, and that the Law which gave them forth is alſo changed, and that Chriſt who was manifeſted in the Fleſh to put an end to the Law, who by his own Suffering hath put an end to all Types, Figures and Shadows under the Law, and hath ſet up his everlaſting Prieſthood, wherein he gave no Commandment for the payment of Tythes according to the holy Scriptures; and for theſe Reaſons and Cauſes aforeſaid,

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and for the Love and Good-will I have and bear towards Men, and for Conſcience-ſake in Obedience to the Lord and his Requiring, have Remitted, Releaſed, and forever quite Claimed from me, my Heirs and Aſſigns, all the aforeſaid Tythe-Hay, with Appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wiſe appertaining unto the Perſons under-written (to wit) *Bernard Mayſon*, *William Stordy*, *Stephen Robſon*, *George Liddall*, Elder, *Thomas Stordy* in *Moore-houſe*, *Thomas Mixon*, *Thomas Stordy* the Younger, Carpenter, *John Stordy* in *Thruſtingfield* for his Tythe in *Moore-houſe*, *Thomas Stordy* the Elder, Carpenter, *William Stordy* of the *Green*, *Iſabel Huntington*, **To have and To hold** all the ſaid Tythe-Hay to them and to their Heirs forever, without Let, Sute, Trouble or Moleſtation of me the ſaid *Thomas Stordy*, my Heirs, Executors or Aſſigns, or any by, from, or under me, or in my Name: And to this my General Releaſe, Reſpectively for the Cauſe as before-mentioned, have hereunto put my Hand, and ſet to my Seal, as my own voluntary Act and Deed, the firſt Day of the Month called *June*, *Anno Dom.* 1682.

Thomas Stordy.

The Teſtimony of *Mary Stordy*, concerning her dear Husband *Thomas Stordy*, deceaſed.

IN the Living Remembrance of my dear and tender Husband, whom my Soul did greatly love, and had good Unity with, am conſtrained to ſhew forth the many Sweet and Comfortable Seaſons we had and enjoyed, thoſe few dayes the Lord of his Goodneſs was pleaſed we ſhould live together, in the love of our God, and in the conſideration of his large Love and Kindneſs to us-ward, often tenders my Heart; and although his outward man be removed, his Memorial remains with much ſweetneſs many times upon my Spirit, and the many Comfortable Admonitions left by him to his Family, often putting them in mind of their latter end, which his Soul greatly deſired the Happineſs of, I hope the ſame ſhall never be forgotten: He ſought the good of all men, and was one that truly feared the Lord, and walked before him in Uprightneſs of Heart, his Self-denying Life, with ſober and grave Deportment, was ſo well known amongſt men, that he was a diſcourager to the Evil-doers, and a good Example to all, and Encourager of them that did well: He was always ready to Encourage the leaſt Appearance of Good in any; but his Soul did abhor Evil in whomſoever it appeared: He was ready to diſtribute to the Neceſſities of thoſe that ſtood in need, according to what the Lord had bleſſed him with in outward things, as one ſcarce letting the Left hand know what his Right hand did; and although many were his Exerciſes and Tryals he met with, his Eye was towards the Lord, and I was ſenſible of the Lords Eye of Love towards him; and the Continuance of the Lords Love did greatly ſweeten all his Exerciſes, and filled him with divine Comfort; the

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Truth was pretious to him, and in the ſame Truth he was kept and preſerved to the end of his dayes; and as he had purchaſed the Truth in giving up all for the ſame, his Life was not dear unto him, ſo that in doing or ſuffering, Truth might be exalted, and to him it was matter of great Joy and Comfort, that he was not only Called to believe, but alſo Counted Worthy to ſuffer for the Truth and Teſtimony of Jeſus Chriſt. He ſuffered long Impriſonment by *Premunire*; and great Spoiling of his Goods at that time was made, as more at large may be ſeen in the Records of Sufferings, and in the Teſtimony of thoſe who knew him; and as he was Faithful in Suffering for the Teſtimony of Jeſus, in the ſame Faith and Teſtimony he continued to the end of his days, and was in outward Bonds a Priſoner in *Carlile* in *Cumberland*, who ſuffered patiently in the time of his Sickneſs, and was preſerved in Innocency, in a quiet ſweet frame of Spirit, in which he finiſhed, the Twenty Second Day of the Tenth Month, 1684. So that I am fully ſatisfied he is at Reſt with the Lord, where the bleſſed Reward is known, and the Lord that giveth and taketh in Love and Mercy, is worthy of the Praiſe and Glory, for evermore; *Amen.*

Mary Stordy.

David

David Hodgſon's Teſtimony concerning his dear Uncle *Thomas Stordy*, deceaſed.

I Have this Teſtimony to give for him, that I believe in the Sincerity of my Heart, he was a Man in his Day whom the Lord was pleaſed largely to make known his bleſſed Way and Truth unto, inſomuch that the pretiouſneſs of it did out-ballance all the enjoyments of this periſhing World, as was evidently demonſtrated to all that knew him, and had acquaintance with that inward Life, in which his Spirit was born up in and over all his deep Sufferings, which I ſhall not go to perticular, believing it hath been the labour of ſome to do, only to give my little ſmall Teſtimony, as by way of Confirmation to what is already done; for what I am a witneſs of, the ſame in Gods fear I can teſtifie, that though his Sufferings were great, inſomuch that he was deprived of his outward Liberty, the enjoyment of his Wife and Children, Houſes and Lands, Goods and Chattels, and what not, whereunto his Perſecutors had power to reach; though in all theſe Exerciſes I never heard him Murmer or Repine, but always Cheerful and Glad that the Lord had not only counted him worthy to believe in his Name, but alſo to ſuffer for the ſame; though the Lord in whom he believed, never ſuffered him to want, but even like unto that faithful Servant *Job* of Old, reſtored him in the latter part of his Age again ſufficiently of his Temporal Mercies, which he was always free and ready to ſerve the Lord, his Truth and People with, though not much of his time he enjoyed outward Liberty, after he was Convinced of Gods bleſſed and Eternal Truth, but always retained his inward Integrity to God, and I believe ended his days in Peace with the Lord.

And this I have further to ſay, that he was a man whom the Lord had ſweetly qualified, and ſo ſeaſoned his Spirit, that

that he was of a blameleſs Life and Converſation, and of a good Report amongſt men where he lived, and one that did adorn the Doctrine of the Goſpel of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt in his day; yea, his very Deportment was a diſcourager to the Evil-doer, and a great Encourager of thoſe that were well-minded; and it was his great Joy and delight to ſee Truth proſper in all, that ſo the Fruits of it might be manifeſted in all, which was and is Peace, Love and Joy in the holy Spirit, and Unity one with another: and it was as much to the grieving of his Spirit, to ſee any thing of the contrary to appear in any, being a man freely devoted in himſelf to ſerve the Lord, and of ſuch a meek, lowly, and humble Spirit, that he was as it were even always ready to take the hindermoſt by the Hand, that all might come up together, that none might come ſhort of the Bleſſing, and of entring into that bleſſed Inheritance, of which his Soul had received an Earneſt; and it is my Faith he is entred into the full Enjoyment of. So ſhall conclude, knowing that my Pen cannot ſet forth the Excellency of that Principle, in which his Heart and Mind was really centred, but finding my ſelf a Debtor to the Memory of this Worthy Man, can do no leſs then caſt in my Mite amongſt my Brethren, as one that can Sympathize with them, in regard of the loſs we have, and the want of this faithful Friend, howbeit am ſo well ſatisfied of his Everlaſting Well-being, that I have Cauſe to bleſs the Lord on his behalf, who over all is worthy of Praiſe, Honour and Glory, for evermore; *Amen.*

David Hodgſon.

The Teſtimony of **John Robinſon**, *Concerning his dear Friend* **Thomas Stordy**, *Deceaſed.*

WHereas it was my Happineſs to live with him ten Years, which time to me I can in Sincerity of Heart ſay, was but as a few dayes; the good Experience and true Knowledge I had of him, can do no leſs than give a ſhort Account of his Godly Life and Sober Converſation, well known to all men in the place where he lived; he was a man of a meek Spirit and eaſie to be entreated, ready to do good to all, but eſpecially to the Houſehold of Faith, a man Zealous for God and his Truth, and many times with much brokenneſs and tenderneſs of Spirit, with trembling and Tears running down, often adviſing us to keep faithful to the Lord and his bleſſed Truth, for which my Soul has great cauſe to magnifie the Lord on his behalf.

His Care and Love was great to Friends and Truth, and his very Life ſought the Proſperity thereof, his Soul deſired the good of all men: Notwithſtanding many were his Exerciſes, long Impriſonments, great Spoiling of Goods, and the Cruelties he patiently bore for the Law of his God, that I do not remember I ever heard him Fret or Murmur under his Exerciſes, but was freely given up to the Lords diſpoſal. What ſhall I ſay more of this my Friend, whom in the Lord I dearly loved, with whom my Spirit had a near Union and true Fellowſhip beyond words; and although his outward man be removed, the Memorial of his Life with much tenderneſs lives with me, and I am often Comforted in the Remembrance thereof, together with the many ſweet and comfortable oppertunities I had and enjoyed with him; yea, ſurely he was a man of an Excellent Spirit, and one that truly feared the Lord, and I cannot but lament the Loſs of ſo good a Friend to me, and many of that Meeting to whom he belonged, (to wit) *Brough*-Meeting in *Cumberland*; however I am well ſatisfied of his Eternal Happineſs and Well-being in the Everlaſting Kingdom of Glory, which is prepared for the Righteous, which ſhall alwayes be had in Living Remembrance. *John Robinſon.*

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The Teſtimony of *William Johnſon*, concerning the Life and Death of *Thomas Stordy*.

HE was a Man that truly Feared God and Eſchewed Evil; he was a Diſcourager to the Evil-doers, and a Praiſe to them that did Well; he loved the appearance of God in any, and diligently laboured for the good of all People; he was my Friend and Neighbour thirty Years, and fellow-Priſoner till Death, and it is my belief that he has laid down his Head in ſweet Peace with the Lord.

William Johnſon the Elder.

The Testimony of *George Bewley*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, concerning *Thomas Stordy* her Father, and his Father-in-Law.

HE was one would often declare of the Goodness of the Lord to him, and that he raised Desires in him in the dayes of his Youth, after the Knowledge of the Way of the Lord; and in that day he assembled with those People he did believe were neareſt the Way of Righteousness; and the Lord in love and great mercy opened unto him a further manifestation of Truth, which he received in the love of it above all the Treasures of the World; his Zeal was such, he could not conform to the Traditions of men, for which he was Persecuted, and a great Sufferer until Death, first because he kept Christ's Command, and could not Swear at all, for which he was Premunired by *John Turner*, Judge, at the Assize held at *Carlile*, in the Year 1662. and had his Real and Personal Estate taken from him by *John Lowther*, or his Servants, then High-Sheriff of *Cumberland*, for the use of King *Charles* the Second, and his Body Imprisoned during the King's pleasure, who was kept Prisoner twelve Years: and when his Goods were spoiled, and no Pitty or Compassion shown by the Sheriff to him, being a Prisoner, nor to Wife or Children, nor to his Servants, such was the heat of their Persecution; and in all this hard usage, and durance in Goal, which was long, he was never heard to complain, but bare it with patience in the love of Jesus, which commands to love Enemies, which he did, and committed himself unto the Lord, who has the Hearts of Kings in his Hand, and turns them as Rivers of Water, for the Lord turned the King's Heart, that he got his real Estate again, and his Liberty; and those men that were Instrumental chiefly in his Premunire and great Suffering, the Lords

Lords Hand did evidently appear againſt them, although men in Authority, the one dyed a Priſoner, and the other very poor; yet there were ſome called Juſtices of the Peace that proceeded in Perſecution and fined our Father for congregating with the People of God in ſcorn called *Quakers*, above the number of five; he had great Fines impoſed upon him, and Goods taken from him for his own Fine, and the Fine of others that were at the ſaid Meeting. And after that, one *Lancelot Simſon*, an Attorney, brought a Writ, called a *Quitam*, againſt our innocent Father, for not going to their Worſhip, upon the Information of *John Clarke*, which *Clarke* dyed miſerably, being drowned; and our Father continued in Goal, praiſing God that he had counted him worthy to ſuffer for his Name and Truth: And after ſeveral Years Impriſonment, he finiſhed his Teſtimony there, in much patience and Peace, over all their Cruelty: he was a man full of Compaſſion and Charity to the Poor; his Fidelity to God and Man cannot be forgotten by us, though it was the Lords pleaſure to take our dear Father from us, our Prayer to the Lord is, that we may be preſerved faithful to the end as he was; and it is our belief now reſts in Chriſt, and is with him in Glory, where the Wicked cannot come. Our relation is but in ſhort of what might have been writ concerning our dear Father, whoſe Fatherly Care was great over his Children, and a good Example to us, which will not be forgotten by us while here remaining.

The 24th Day of the 2d Month, 1691. *George* and *Elizabeth* *Bewley.*

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The Teſtimony of *George Bewley*, the Son of *Mongo Bewley*, concerning *Thomas Stordy* his Father-in-Law.

AS it was my lot to dwell in his Family with him, he was a help and ſupport to me in that Day; he was one of the faithful Followers of the Lamb; he paſſed through great Tribulation, and in the depth of his Exerciſes he ſaw the Wonders of the Lord; he had great Experience of the dealings of the Lord, and what he had done for his Soul, as he often declared; his Memorial is ſweet, his Converſation was coupled with Godly Fear; his Words were few and ſavoury; he was a Good Example in his Family in much Gravity, often exhorting his Children and Servants, his Care was great over them for their Eternal Welfare; he was adorned with a meek and quiet Spirit, which was comly with his Gray-Hairs; he was valient for Truth upon the Earth; when he was tryed by *Premunire*, he was willing to part with all, rather than break the Command of Chriſt, to take an Oath, and in a weighty ſence of the Love of God he often declared, he received a manifold Reward, even the Living for the Dead; for though they deſigned it for Evil, the Lord turned it to his Good, for by ſuffering he was made ſtrong as a Pillar in the Houſe of the Lord; he waited with an Eye of Love to do Good unto all, but eſpecially to the Houſehold of Faith, as a faithful Overſeer of the Flock of Chriſt, and of a willing and ready mind, always labouring for the encreaſe of Love and Unity amongſt Brethren; he had a Good Report of thoſe that were without; he was given to Hoſpitallity, and apt to Teach and Inſtruct the Younger ſort: And he bore a faithful Teſtimony againſt the Payment of *Tythes*, though he had received Tythes once, as an Impropriator,

priator, but by the Spiritual appearance of Chriſt, he ſaw the end of that Prieſthood that received Tythes: And nothing was too dear unto him to part with for Truth's ſake: And he ſuffered long Impriſonment with many more of the Ancient Brethren; and my Father *Mongo Bewley* in that day was Priſoner with them, who ſuffered becauſe they could not pay Tythes, nor could aſſemble themſelves with ſuch as preacht for Hire, nor put into their Mouthes. Their Impriſonment was long, yet greatly did the Lord's living preſence attend them, that thoſe that viſited them in that day, were refreſhed in and with the feeling of the ſame Life and Power they enjoyed: Oh, it is freſh in my remembrance, and to my great Comfort, with many more that yet remain, who can declare of that Living Enjoyment of Gods Love they received, and was continued to them to the end of their days, and having finiſhed and laid down their Heads in Peace: And I with others of their Children, have cauſe to praiſe the Lord on their behalf, and not only ſo, but alſo for the continuance and freſh Viſitation of the Father's Love that is known and felt by us, as it was ſaid to *Iſrael* of Old, *There time was a time of Love*; Shall we not declare it to our Children, that they may tell it to another Generation, what great Things the Lord has done for us? To whom for all his Mercies, which he through Jeſus Chriſt, renews to us day by day, to him be the Praiſes and Glory forever; Amen.

George Bewley.

The Testimony of Thomas Fell *concerning his dear Companion* Thomas Stordy *of* Moorhouse *in* Cumberland.

WE were nine years Companions in Prison together; and sometimes the Goaler put us in close Prison among the Thieves and Murderers, and other times we had the liberty of the Goaler's House; however we were sweetly preserved in the Love of God, and in dear love one with another: we were many in Prison for the Testimony of Truth at that time, for Suffering and Persecution was very great at that day. This my dear Companion was Premunired, that because for Conscience-sake he could not Swear, and so was cast into Prison, where he was kept nine Years or more, and he had his Estate taken from him, and all his Goods, as I remember, both moveable and others, and were all sold from him by unreasonable men, and he kept in Prison, which was no little Exercise, yet he being given up in the will of God, he was sweetly preserved in all his Suffering, for I cannot remember that ever he murmured in that great Suffering, but often said, that *God is the Lord, and that the Lord would not lay that Sin to their Charge that shus dealt with him.* He was a man of good Gifts and Parts many ways, and had the love of Poor and Rich, and many lamented that he should be so dealt with; yet he still was cheerful in his Suffering, and born up in the Lords Power: for many a time I have heard him say, *That all that he had was little enough to suffer the loss of, for the Lord and his Truth; for the Lord did so fill him with his Love, that it did far exceed his Suffering.* These things are certain and true, for I was with him in all that great Suffering, and therefore I can affirm it under my Hand for truth. Much more I could say of his Sufferings and Travails, but knowing that others may be concerned in these things, I shall conclude in the Lords fear, with a Lamentation for the want of such a true hearted Companion; but it being the loss to them that are left behind, I am satisfied it is his Gain, for it is my belief he is gone to his Rest forever, where he shall never feel more pain.

Thomas Fell.

THE END.

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